

LATAM Market Update

- **Colombia: February Citi survey; Inflation expectations under control**

The February Citi survey came out. This survey is used by BanRep as one of the expectations measures on inflation, monetary policy rate (MPR), GDP and COP.

Bottom line, Analysts do not expect BanRep to make any move in the next three months. All analysts think BanRep will stay put at 4.25% in the March meeting (February meeting was a non-decision meeting). For Dec-2019, although with some dispersion the consensus is that Banrep will end at 4.75% (We have 5%).

For inflation, Analysts think (in average) February headline inflation will come at 0.75% m/m, very close to our own forecasts of 0.74% m/m. For 2019 average projection is 3.46%, 6bps lower than last month and close to the BanRep survey.

Consensus for 2019 GDP growth forecasts is 3.21%, a bit below our own forecast of 3.38%. For 2020 economic activity, analysts think GDP growth will be 3.3%.

Finally for COP, Citi survey has an average of COP\$3120 for 2019 (eop) and COP\$3095 for 2020, very similar to our projections and last month Citi survey.

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